

More terrorism?

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(CNN) -- At least 118 people were killed Tuesday in twin blasts at a market in the central Nigerian city of Jos, an official said, warning the toll could climb.

The explosions, which targeted Terminus market, went off some 20 to 30 minutes apart, setting fire to the entire venue.

"The death toll stands at 118. This is the number of victims recovered from the scene of the explosions, but we are still searching through the smoldering debris for more bodies," said Mohammed Abdulsalam, coordinator for the National Emergency Management Agency in the city.

"The figure may rise when [the search](#) is over," Abdulsalam said.

A journalist on the scene of the first explosion called it "massive." People were screaming and running, some covered in blood. Some had to be carried away, the journalist said.

An ambulance driver who asked not to be identified said he saw at least 15 bodies and about 30 injured.

Plateau State Commissioner Chris Olakpe described the blasts as "terrorist activities," but refused to speculate on who might be responsible.

He said the first blast was a suicide car bomb, while the second was caused by an improvised explosive device in a separate car.

Olakpe said 46 people were killed in the blasts and that 45 were injured, disputing the higher death toll provided by Abdulsalam.

It is not uncommon for authorities to report conflicting death tolls in the immediate aftermath of attacks.

"Terrorists usually want to cause fear and trepidation," said Olakpe. "By tomorrow, we will get on top of the matter."

In a statement, President Goodluck Jonathan condemned the bombings as a "tragic assault on human freedom" and described those behind them as "cruel and evil."

"President Jonathan assures all Nigerians that government remains fully committed to winning the war against terror, and this administration will not be cowed by the atrocities of enemies of human progress and civilization," the statement said, adding that Nigeria was committed to implementing anti-terrorism measures and resolutions put forth at a recent summit in Paris.

When CNN tried to speak with a nurse at a local hospital by phone, she was unable to hear because of victims' cries and screams. CNN had previously reported three blasts at two markets -- Terminus and Abuja. Terminus market is also known as the New Abuja market. A possible third blast may have been a gas canister ignited by the first bomb.

Late Sunday, a bomb in the northern Nigerian city of Kano killed at least four people, according to local police.

The blast occurred at a busy intersection in a predominantly Christian area of the city and left several cars burning, Kano police spokesman Rabilu Ringim said. It was not immediately clear who was responsible for the attack, the spokesman said.

Terrorism in Nigeria has been in the spotlight recently since more than 200 schoolgirls were kidnapped by the militant group Boko Haram. The terror group abducted 276 girls on April 14 from a boarding school in Chibok in northeastern Nigeria. Dozens escaped, but more than 200 girls are still missing.

In his statement Tuesday, Jonathan reaffirmed his government's commitment to take "every necessary measure" to find the girls and cooperate with other countries in the region to combat the "Boko Haram menace."

The president also said Nigeria was determined to ensure safety and security in schools in Borno state and other parts [of the country](#) and to rebuild the school in Chibok.

It seems hard to stop bomb blasts. If there was a cheap easy way to do it, it would stop hopefully, yes?

Now, all bombs get planted by people. if the people planting the bombs were scared away then there would be no problem. of course, we don't know who they are so cannot scare them away, so...

If we knew where they were planting bombs, we could get there and get rid of them. we don't know where they are, so...

Maybe if we were to observe that bombs are usually left in open areas in bags, then we could get rid of all the bags? i mean, if someone leaves something there, then it is obviously a bomb, yes? how do we [pick up](#) bombs before they go off?

Well, maybe we could observe that all bombs work on a timer? this means, we could [set up](#) a listening device that hears 'clocks' or ticks all over the city? this precaution is a very good one, if you ask me. but, sometimes people use suicide bombs? how do we deal with those?

Maybe we could try to detect 'detonators' by making the coil that you press down is a switch. if we were to [look for](#) switches, we could pin point the bombs as they are moving, long before they go off. this would mean plastic or metal parts, and, everybody could be on a x ray scan over the city - o invasion of privacy, except when you are doing your thing with the flesh light, no? anyways, lives come before privacy...

So, how do we make an x-ray scan cheap? well, we could put up a few - in key locations - we could use one of my cheap x-ray machines which i cannot find here on the forum, but then again i only made one... go figure!

Now, we need a cheap x-ray machine. if you took a overhead projector - which is cheap - and overlaid it with a detector for warmth and coolness. if a person is warm, as they usually are, they will show up - their bones. if the bomb is made of something, it will show up by radiation or light given off by the bomb. i suggest an overhead projector using gamma radiation to go through the 'image' and then return [the image](#) to the 'sensor.' this could be cheap, by making the radiation come from the 'projector' through a 'thing' and then getting picked up by a central aerial.

Well, to clarify, if we were to release gamma rays to go through the people, then they will show up on the signal as to any bags under their clothing or over it - hell we could see right inside that bag! i know airport security machines are very expensive, but, i am sure with my minor device, that sounds cheap, we could stop all bombings by picking people up coming into the city and walking around in key locations?
